

JAPAN IS AFTER THE PHILIPPINES

Will Either Buy or Take Them by Force.

SO SAYS MR. ARCHIBALD

Got His Information From High Japanese Officers—Predicts Ultimate Russian Victory.

"Representative Hull was not far from the truth when he said there was danger of the Japanese trying to take the Philippines.

"In my opinion the Russians will come out victors in the present struggle, as they will be able to wear out Japan financially.

"The present delay in the land operations between the two armies is due to the fact that the Japanese are waiting to see the results of the impending naval battle."

These statements were made today to a Times reporter by James F. J. Archibald, who has been with the Russian army for ten months during its heaviest operations. Mr. Archibald is also seen service as a war correspondent in the Philippines and in Cuba.

Two High Officers Told Him.

"Two high officers of the Japanese army," he said, "told me openly of the Japanese determination to take the Philippines. They explained to me that Japan will buy the islands or, if this fails, they will attempt to take them by force of arms. These high officials, who knew what they were talking about, made no secret of the matter and talked as if the attempt to gain possession of the Philippines would become a reality in the future.

"Therefore, I do not think Representative Hull was far from the truth when he warned the American people that the Philippines were in danger of being attacked."

Naval Defeat Disastrous.

Speaking of the present situation in the Far East, Mr. Archibald said: "The Japanese are peculiar because of the fact that they always wait to see a certain advantage before they take a decisive step. At present they will not go far from the Ling before they hear the results of the naval battle. A naval defeat would be disastrous to Japan at this time. If she lost control of the sea the war would practically end, because she could not supply her army and could not continue her commerce and merchant marine service.

"If the Japanese should be victorious on the sea Russia would be forced to make a long land campaign, as Russia will not make peace. She would even rebuild her navy, for there is no intention in the Russian mind of making peace.

A Financial War Now.

"It is really a financial war now and the Japanese fear Russia can beat them on this line. Right here I may call attention to the fact that all the pictures which have been drawn of Japan's perfect patriotism and glowing unanimity in carrying on the war have been too highly colored. As a matter of fact there is an immense party in Japan against the war. In Russia also the war is popular with some and unpopular with others.

Mr. Archibald also explained why all the war correspondents who returned to this country are in favor of Russia and opposed to Japan.

"The Japanese," he said, "are against the white man. Not only are they fighting Russia, but they have their hand against the whole white people. All the stories about the Russian officers being drunkards and depraved are not founded on fact. The Russian officer as a rule is a perfect gentleman, thoroughly cultured, accommodating, and polite."

Japanese Navy Superior.

Mr. Archibald substantiates the stories in the daily press to the effect that the Japanese navy is superior to the Russian.

"The Japanese," he declared, "are born seamen. They are Islanders and have never brought up on the water, while the Russians are not born sailors. Also, Japan, at present, has better ships and a better armament than the Russians. The Japanese, I think, are anxious for a naval battle, and will fight as soon as they can locate the enemy."

Need of Big Navy.

"Consequently, we've got to have a navy powerful enough to fight our foes, and there is no doubt the submarine and the battleship will be the navy of the future. Cruisers are all very well in time of peace, but the way the Japanese have demolished the unprotected Russian ships at an extreme range with the big guns of their battleships shows the cruiser's uselessness in war.

"A submarine is, in fact, a submerged torpedo boat, and therefore should be at least one stationed at every small port and several in the larger harbors of this country. Their maintenance is practically nothing and they can protect a harbor from mines, blockade, and attack."

BOARD OF TRADE

SHADBAKE SATURDAY

Arrangements were completed in detail for the annual excursion to River View and planked down barge of the Washington Board of Trade at a meeting held last night by the committee and chairman of the subcommittees having the preparations in charge.

It was decided to hold the excursion and barge on next Saturday, rain or shine.

Two dinners will be served at River View on the day of the excursion, one at 1:30 p. m. for those who go down on the 10:30 a. m. boat, and another at 3:30 for those who go down on the 2 o'clock boat.

Mr. Edwin H. Neumeier, chairman of the committee, presented the program of the night's meeting and reports were heard from the following subcommittees: Arrangements, Major Neumeier, chairman; badges and souvenirs, Walter H. Klopfer; athletics, S. W. Stinemetz; music, Edward H. Drown; dinner, Edwin H. Neumeier; refreshments, E. G. Schaefer; dinner on boat, Edward T. Bates; and reception, Cuno H. Rudolph.

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Aged Woman Returns Pension of \$666.40

Though Eighty Years Old She Learns Her Husband Obtained Divorce and That Government Payment Was Illegal.

The Pension Office conscience fund, only recently started by two old soldiers refusing longer to take bounty from Uncle Sam because they felt themselves able to earn a livelihood, gained an unexpected addition this morning when a New York draft, amounting to \$666.40, returning money which a pensioner felt had been drawn unlawfully, was received. The money was returned to the Treasury and arrangements made to discontinue the pension.

According to an unsigned letter which accompanied the draft, the pensioner, who is now a woman of more than fourscore years, has just discovered that her husband secured a divorce more than twenty years ago. Only the number of the pension certificate enabled the officials at the Pension Office to ascertain the name of the aged woman, and this they refused to divulge. That portion of the letter, which they would consent to make public, follows:

"In June, 1903, a pensioner in Ohio drew a pension granted her a short time before amounting to \$50.40. 'Soon after the pensioner had drawn the pension due March 4, 1904, a rumor was put in circulation that the soldier had secured a divorce from the said pensioner, and that, therefore, she was unlawfully drawing a pension.

"Steps taken to discover the facts resulted in a long tedious hunt. The history of the search would be too interesting to relate, suffice to say, that the soldier was divorced from the pensioner some twenty years ago. They were both old then. The pensioner is now over eighty years old, and has lost her mind to the extent that she can remember but little of the past. 'You will find enclosed with the pension certificate a New York draft calling for \$666.40, the amount unlawfully drawn. Please look over the record, and if the amount named is not sufficient to square the account, the balance will be forwarded.'"

NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

The second session of the Washington Boys' Club Congress was held at their assembly hall in their building at 3230 N street last night.

The congress is a new feature of the Washington Boys' Club, No. 1, recently adopted to promote self-government in the club and to provide for equal rights to all members.

At a recent election by ballot, the members of the club elected the following congressmen to serve for a period of six months: George Sellers, Harry Connolly, Joe Hall, William Brannan, John Brannan, Barney McIntyre, Jack Lewis, John Connolly, Joe Lyddane, and Peck McKinley.

One congressman is allowed to each fifty members of the club. As the membership at the time of the election numbered 650, 13 congressmen were elected.

The initial meeting of the congress was held Tuesday night, May 9, and the following officers were elected: John Brannan, president; Joe Lyddane, vice president; Joe Hall, secretary. The following committee was also appointed to draft the constitution and by-laws, to go into effect at the next regular session: A. G. Sharp, John Brannan, Joe Hall, and Edgar M. Hayes.

At the session held last evening, the constitution and by-laws were adopted and the officers installed. The congress is empowered to elect additional active members, as occasion demands, to represent the increasing membership of the club and to serve for the remaining period of the term. Accordingly, A. G. Sharp, superintendent of the club; Mrs. Marguerite Dupont Lee, and Edgar M. Hayes were elected active members.

Among the various duties of the congressmen one of the principal ones is to act as monitor and see that order is maintained in the club. Monitors were assigned to different departments of the club at the session held last night. This movement is one of many steps of advancement which have been so characteristic of the club ever since its organization.

RECOVERY FROM PNEUMONIA.

William Sullivan, a young son of Fireman Sullivan, of Georgetown, is lying ill at the Georgetown University Hospital, where he has been under treatment since last March.

He is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. The attack was the result of young Sullivan having fallen overboard on one of the coldest days of March. It is thought he will be able to leave the hospital in a week.

LAWN FETES TO BE HELD.

The Trinity Church lawn party will open next Monday evening at 7 o'clock, under the management of the ladies of the church. The entire proceeds will be turned into the building fund of the church.

A lawn fete will be held tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5, on the lawn sur-

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ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, May 17.—The Opera House here was well filled last night at the minstrel performance given by Washington and Alexandria talent for the benefit of the Relief and Reliance Fire Companies.

R. A. Curtin acted as interlocator and was assisted by his end men, P. E. McCarten, M. D. Schaffer, Cliff Stump, T. F. McCarthy, Dennis Connell, Jesse Viehmer, Al Fennell, Jr., and Harry Fleischmann. The sentimental singers were Joseph Cullen, Jr., William E. Mills, J. Harris Franklin, Richard Wirt and Tom Moore.

In the olio, which constituted the second part of the program, Tom Moore sang illustrated songs, including his latest composition, "Love, I Dream of You." McCauley and Cullen played on banjos.

The Fancietti troupe presented acrobatic feats. Wilbur E. Bache sang the prologue from "I Pagliacci." "The Rehearsal," a one-act comedy, was then presented, those taking part being Edna Leonard, of Rogers Bros.; Tom Moore, of the Collins Comedy Co., and Jesse Viehmer, character comedian.

Fleischman and Jacobson in their sidekick conversation kept the audience laughing. The last part of the program was the scene representing the interior of an engine house with Lieut. A. D. Grimes in charge. Several firemen appear and after conversation sit down to play cards.

An alarm of fire comes. They rush off to it. This is followed by a drill by a team under command of Capt. George W. Pettey.

Lieut. Kenneth Ogden was the soloist of the team, and was much applauded. The drill team was composed of Clark, C. E. Pettey, DeSilva, Bontz, R. M. Pettey, Rothmund, Tynnyson, Glasgow, Thompson, and Garrett.

During the evening several hits of a local character were made by the comedians, which delighted the audience. The performance will be repeated to-night.

William L. Hoy is stage manager, Charles De Moll, assistant stage manager, Prof. Hoyberger, leader of orchestra, and Matt Horn musical director.

BURIED IN ALEXANDRIA.
The body of Melchior Thompson, a resident of Herndon, accompanied by the funeral cortege, arrived in this city today from Herndon. The interment was in the Methodist Protestant Cemetery. The Rev. H. J. H. S. Ewell officiated.

LOST BOY FOUND.
A little boy named Fones, who had wandered away from his home in this city, yesterday, was this morning found at Bailey's Cross Roads, having been picked up by George Wesley, of that place, and taken care of by him. The police were notified by telephone.

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The styles of embroidery, which is of a superior grade, include both open and closed all-over patterns.

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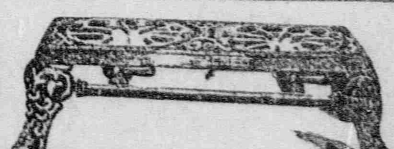
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